



News Release

Garner Technology Center Designated as AT&T Fiber Ready

Designation Reflects Presence of Fiber-Based, High-Speed Internet

Garner, NC, Oct. 31, 2016 — As part of AT&T's continuing efforts to drive economic development and investment in North Carolina, [AT&T*](#) and representatives from the Town of Garner today announced that Garner Technology Center has been designated AT&T Fiber Ready, the second business park in the town to receive this designation.

In a global economy, connectivity is vital to new employers and businesses of every type. The AT&T Fiber Ready designation helps economic development leaders more effectively position their communities for site selection by emphasizing the availability of high-speed, fiber-based services.

"In an Information Age economy, we are in direct competition with large cities and metro regions across this country for the technology-driven jobs of the future," said Mayor Ronnie Williams. "Having two parks with this certification sends a strong message that Garner is ready to help businesses grow and succeed, while providing a quality of life that is second-to-none."

The AT&T fiber network provides the bandwidth needed to support data intensive services such as video, collaboration, cloud services and more through products such as Ethernet, Virtual Private Networking, Managed Internet Service and AT&T Business Fiber. Customers can complement their high-speed Internet with network security options and online backup to help protect and virtualize their business-critical information.

"Our region is known as a center for technology and innovation, not just in the state, but also worldwide," said Wake County Commissioner Matt Calabria. "Ready availability of fiber optic facilities in communities such as Garner is invaluable for enhancing that reputation and attracting the clean, advanced-technology jobs which we need to prosper in a global marketplace."

In January, AT&T announced that it had added 1 million additional business customer locations – including more than 23,500 in North Carolina – to its fiber network since 2012 when the company began its aggressive fiber expansion program. The expansion helped extend the AT&T U.S. fiber network another 76,000 route miles, bringing the total to nearly 500,000. AT&T offers business customers high-speed Internet products on its fiber network in every major metro in the company's 21-state footprint.

"We are excited to welcome the Garner Technology Center to the list of places across North Carolina where AT&T's fiber infrastructure is in place and ready to help local businesses grow," said Robert Doreauk, regional director of external affairs for AT&T North Carolina. "Every day, AT&T's employees use our billions of dollars of investment to deliver high-speed Internet for consumers and businesses. Those investments are possible in large part because of the smart, pro-investment policies championed by our state leaders and by local leaders such as Mayor Williams and Commissioner Calabria."

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